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Dear Examiner Guarriello:

Thank you for speaking with me on Wednesday September 4, 2002 in connection with the subject case. As per our conversation, I am enclosing a copy of the RCE and supporting documents filed May 10, 2002 for your consideration. **We are not abandoning this application.**

We eagerly await your decision regarding the patentability of the present invention. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Regards,

Garth

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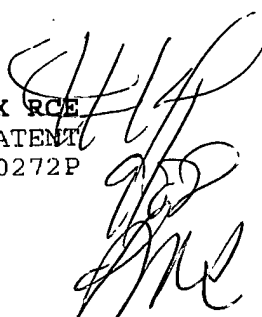
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DOCKET NO.: 0445-2728 ATTY.: JL03/GMB  
APPLICANT(S): Koji Hanaoka et al.  
APPLN. NO.: 09/284,735 FILED: 4-19-99  
PAT NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ New Application with Transmittal Letter  
☐ Utility ☐ Design ☐ CIP ☐ PCT ☐ Provisional  
☐ Filing Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) ☐ CONT ☐ DIV  
☐ Filing Under 37 CFR 1.53(d) (CPA)  
☒ Filing Under 37 CFR 1.114(RCE)  
☐ Specification Consisting of: \_\_\_\_\_ pages  
☐ Combined Declaration & Power of Attorney  
☐ Assignment / Cover Letter  
☐ Letter to Official Draftsman  
☐ Drawings \_\_\_\_\_ Sheets ☐ Formal ☐ Informal ☐ Red-ink  
☐ Completion of Filing Requirements, PCT/DO/EO/905  
or Formalities Letter and Executed Declaration  
☐ Priority Document(s) / Cover Letter, No. Doc. \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Amendment: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Transmittal Ltr ☐ Large Entity ☐ Small Entity  
☐ Response \_\_\_\_\_ ref(s)  
☐ Information Disc. Stmt. PTO-1449(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Notice of Appeal ☐ Appeal Brief MAY 1 2002  
☐ Issue Fee Transmittal  
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Receipt is hereby acknowledged of the papers filed as  
indicated in connection with the above identified case.  
COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS  
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BOX RCE  
PATENT  
0445-0272P



## IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Koji Hanaoka et al. Conf.: 2726  
Appl. No.: 09/284,735 Group: 1771  
Filed: April 19, 1999 Examiner: John Guarriello  
For: DETERGENT-IMPREGNATED ARTICLE

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

BOX RCE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

May 10, 2002

Sir:

This is a "Request for Continued Examination" under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, the provisions of which do not apply to:

(1) A provisional application; (2) An application for a utility or plant patent filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) before June 8, 1995; (3) An international application filed under 35 U.S.C. §363 before June 8, 1995; (4) An application for a design patent; or (5) A patent under reexamination.

Submission of an RCE is limited to an application in which prosecution is closed; e.g. final rejection, Ex Parte Quayle; or notice of allowability

☒ This Request for Continued Examination is being filed prior to the earliest of:

(1) Payment of the issue fee, unless a petition under § 1.313 is granted; (2) Abandonment of the application; or (3) The filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of civil action under 35 U.S.C. §§ 145 or 146, unless the appeal or civil action is terminated.

☐ The enclosed document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

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☒ Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

Enter as part of the present submission:

☒ An After Final Amendment previously filed on April 15, 2002, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 but unentered, in the present application.☐ Arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .☐ A Reply Under Rule 1.111, attached hereto. Claim fee(s) are calculated as set forth below:

|                       | TOTAL<br>NUMBER OF<br>CLAIMS<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR | TOTAL<br>NUMBER OF<br>CLAIMS<br>BEING<br>FILED<br>HEREWITH | <u>NUMBER<br/>EXTRA</u> | Large Entity |     | Small Entity |     |
|-----------------------|--|--|-------------------------|--------------|-----|--------------|-----|
|                       |  |  |                         | Rate         | Fee | Rate         | Fee |
| Total<br>Claims       | 20   |  |                         | X 18         | \$  | X 9          | \$  |
| Independent<br>Claims | 3  |  |                         | X 84         | \$  | X 42         | \$  |
| TOTAL CLAIM FEE(S)    |  |  |                         |              |     | \$0.00       |     |

☐ An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449 form(s) is/are attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.☐ Other:☐ Miscellaneous☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of ( ) months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months.)☒ Fees

The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed, is enclosed herewith:

☐ \$370.00 - small entity☒ \$740.00 - large entity

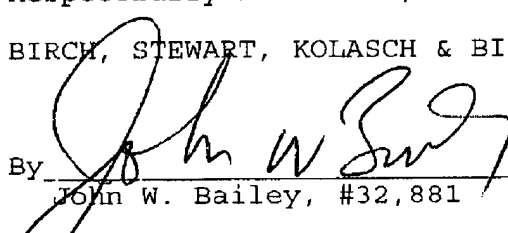
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- ☒ The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of one (1) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a). The fee has been calculated as shown below:
- ☒ NO extensions of time have been previously obtained in the prior application. Thus, a fee of \$110.00 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.
- ☐ An extension of ( ) month(s) was previously requested and paid for on in the instant application. Thus, a fee of \$0.00 is required to obtain an additional ( ) month(s) extension.
- ☐ The fee of \$ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) for suspension of action is enclosed.
- ☒ Enclosed is(are) check(s) in the total amount of \$740.00 and \$110.00 for the applicable filing fee, additional claims fee, suspension fee, and/or extension fees.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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